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SUBJECT: KIROV BALLERINA WEDS AMERICAN DANCER

1. ON JANUARY 2, 1974, KALERIA IVANOVNA FEDICHEVA, A WELL KNOWN BALLERINA AT KIROV THEATER IN LENINGRAD, WED MARTIN FRIEDMAN, AN AMERICAN DANCER WHOM SHE FIRST MET DURING KIROV THEATER TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO.

2. PRIOR TO WEDDING, SOVIET OFFICIALS ATTEMPTED TO GET MISS FEDICHEVA TO RENOUNCE HER INTENT TO MARRY, BUT SHE REFUSED TO DO SO. IN ANY CASE, REGISTRATION TOOK PLACE 60 DAYS BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY, AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DENY HER FIANCE A VISA TO RETURN TO SOVIET UNION FOR MARRIAGE.

3. FEDICHEVA PLANS TO EMIGRATE TO US AS SOON AS SHE RECEIVES PERMISSION.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY AT LOSING FEDICHEVA, SHE IS OVER THE AGE-HUMP AS A BALLERINA AND IN RECENT YEARS HAS MOSTLY BEEN DANCING SECONDARY ROLES. THEREFORE, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SHE IS PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE AFTER USUAL DELAY. SOVIETS MIGHT ALSO CALCULATE THAT PERMITTING FEDICHEVA TO LEAVE WILL COUNTER-ACT UNFAVORABLE WESTERN PUBLICITY OVER PANOV CASE.

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